

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: IOWA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC., d/b/a IOWA TELECOM	DOCKET NO. RPU-02-4
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**ORDER GRANTING REHEARING FOR PURPOSES OF
FURTHER CONSIDERATION**

(Issued February 12, 2003)

On January 14, 2003, Coon Rapids Municipal Communications Utility, Grundy Center Municipal Communications Utility, Harlan Municipal Utilities, Reinbeck Municipal Telecommunications Utility, Manning Municipal Communication and Television System Utility, and The Community Cable Television Agency of O'Brien County, d/b/a The Community Agency and TCA, on behalf of the cities of Hartley, Paullina, and Primghar only (collectively, the Municipal CLEC Group), intervenors in this docket, filed an "Application for Rehearing and Clarification of Order."

On January 15, 2003, Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom (Iowa Telecom), filed an "Application for Rehearing and Stay." The Municipal CLEC Group, the Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities, and the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice filed timely responses to Iowa Telecom's application.

On January 24, 2003, the Utilities Board (Board) issued an order granting Iowa Telecom's request for a stay of Ordering Clauses 2, 3, and 4 from the Board's

"Final Decision and Order" issued December 26, 2002. The ordering clauses were stayed until otherwise ordered by the Board.

Pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.12 (2003), the Board must issue an order either granting or denying the applications for rehearing by February 13, 2003. The Board finds that it requires more time to appropriately consider the issues raised in the applications for rehearing. Therefore, the Board will grant rehearing solely for purposes of further consideration. The previously-granted stay will continue.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The "Application For Rehearing And Clarification Of Order" filed January 14, 2003, by the Municipal CLEC Group and the "Application For Rehearing And Stay" filed January 15, 2003, by Iowa Telecom are granted solely for purposes of further consideration.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 12th day of February, 2003.